In re the Application of: Hirokazu IGUCHIet al.

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THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 27, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002 for two months from October 30, 2002 to December 30, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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